Acquiring T-90 Tanks from Russia

2462. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has acquired T-90 Tanks from Russia;

(b) if so, the number of tanks received till date;

(c) the total number of tanks to be received; and

(d) the number of tanks to be assembled in India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The first installment of T-90 tanks is likely to be received shortly. Out of the total number of T-90 tanks to be acquired, some will be assembled in India.

Areas Outside Radar Surveillance

2463. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large parts of India are not under radar surveillance and this is a security risk as revealed by a senior serving IAF Vice Marshall while addressing a seminar on the World ATC Day; the position is further aggravated by lack of coordination between civil amd military radars; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take so that security of India is not compromised especially when terrorists groups are very active?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Air Force has adequate air-space surveillance capability along the frontiers. The resources of Indian Air Force and Civil Aviation are being optimally combined for effective air-space surveillance. Methods for improving the surveillance capability are further being addressed, keeping in view the fact that the radawr surveillance of the entire air-space of the country requires immense resources.

(b) To improve the security of airspace, Government has